

Consideration of the dedication of the Sauga Swamp Nature Preserve in Noble County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 67.89 acre property that is in the northern portion of Noble County, approximately 2.0 miles east of the town of Wolcottville.

This nature preserve protects an example of high quality wetlands and 1/3 of a natural lake (Mud Lake) in Indiana's Northern Lakes Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve consists of primarily low, wetland topography with surrounding upland. The floodplain contains two natural communities that are globally and state ranked ecosystems: a freshwater marl substrate lake, which has not been dredged or altered in any way, and a high-quality fen that is surrounded by oak uplands. This preserve is also 2.0 miles north of Swamp Angel, an expansive, diverse fen/bog/lake complex, and will be an important contribution to regional conservation of these high-quality wetlands.

These community types, along with their component flora and fauna contain many species that are hydro-sensitive plants and animals, will play an important role in maintaining regional populations of these species.

Noteworthy animal species found in this Nature Preserve include:

The site is utilized by three animal species listed as State Endangered, the Spotted turtle, the Blanding's turtle, and the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake.

This tract is owned and managed by the ACRES Land Trust.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

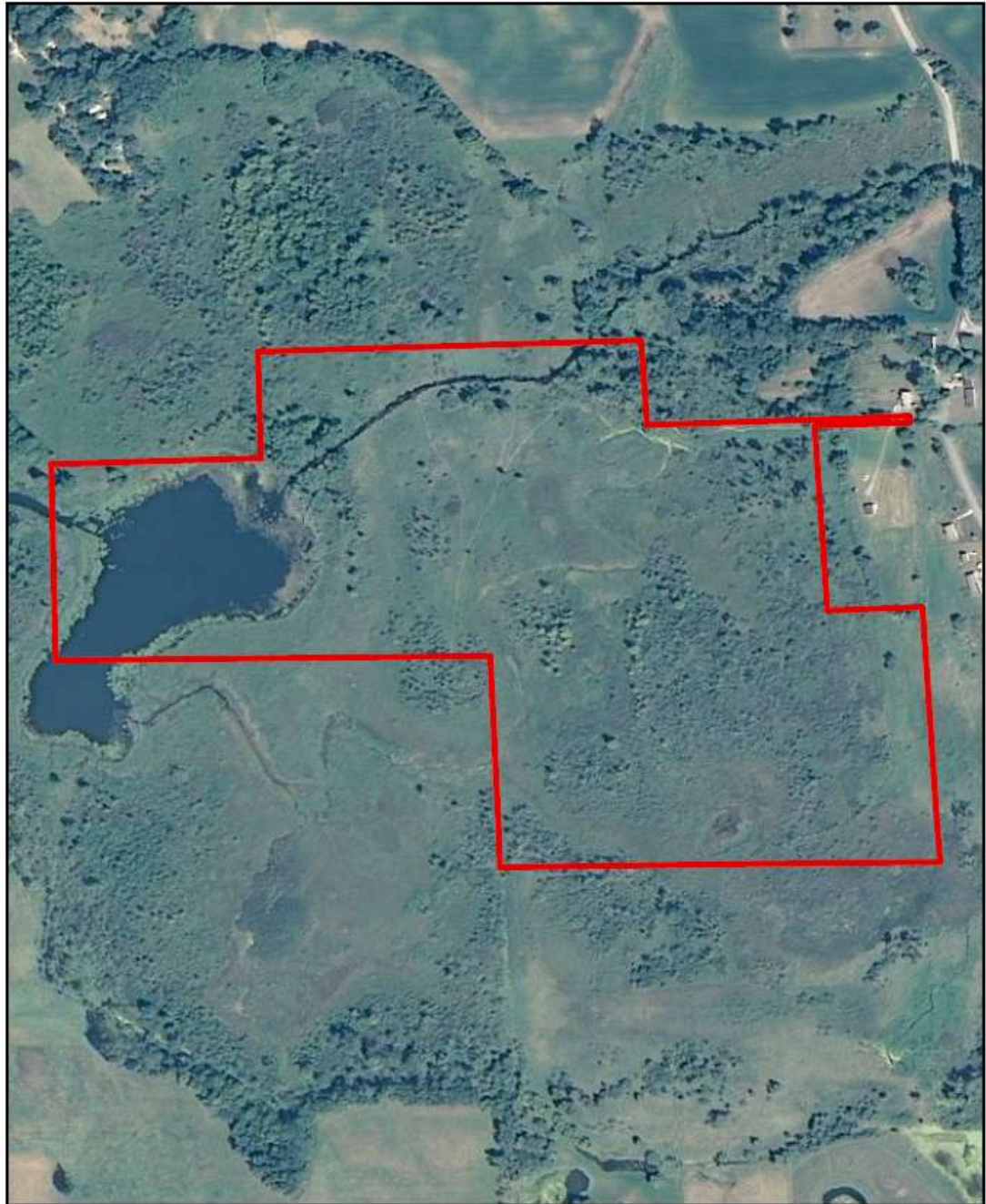
Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Sauga Swamp Nature Preserve

Exhibit A

County: Noble
Size: 67.89 acres

USGS Map: 7.5 Quad Wolcottville
Ownership: ACRES, Inc.



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